Rehabilitation of Indira Sagar Project oustees

*58. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proper resettlement and rehabilitation of the Omkareshwar and Indira Sagar Project oustees have not been done;.

(b) whether Narmada Tribunal Award and Supreme Court have given directions to Government towards the rehabilitation of Narmada dam oustees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Resettlement and rehabilitation work of Omkareshwar and Indira Sagar Projects has been carried out in accordance with the rehabilitation policy of the Government of Madhya Pradesh dated 31.5.06.

The question related to the proper resettlement and rehabilitation of Indira Sagar Project oustees is under consideration in the Hon'ble Supreme Court through Special Leave Petition No.935 of 2007 filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan which is still pending and hence the matter is *subjudice.* Similarly, the matter related to Omkareshwar project is *subjudice* in Jabalapur High Court as the Narmada Bachao Andolan has filed a petition No.4457/07 in Jabalapur High Court.

(b) Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award had not given stipulations/directions with respect to resettlement and rehabilitation of Omkareshwar and Narmada Sagar (now renamed as Indira Sagar Project) dam oustees. In respect *of* Indira Sagar dam, the matter is under consideration in Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No.935 of 2007 as mentioned above.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Mortgaging of gold for loans

†*59. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nationalised Banks are still following 1986 as a base year for advancing loan by mortgaging gold with the banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps for granting loan by mortgaging gold with the banks as per the prevailing rates of gold instead that of the base year of 1986;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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